



FRONTON AND WALTON
URBAN DISTRICT
COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT
of the
Medical Officer of Health
and
Chief Public Health Inspector
for 1972

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Frinton and Walton Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the state of Public Health in the Urban District of Frinton and Walton for the year 1972. The Report includes that of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the same period. The state of Public Health in the District remains satisfactory as in the previous year.

The birth rate shows a slight increase from the previous year at 7.3 per thousand live births. The death rate at 10.8 per thousand of population has declined and is below the national figure of 12.1.

Consideration of the table showing causes of death indicate that degenerative diseases of the heart and cerebro-vascular condition remains the commonest cause of death. There were 64 cases of deaths due to cancer which included 17 of lung cancer, these figures approximate those of the previous year.

The incidence of infectious diseases shows a very marked decline since the previous year, with only four notifications including three cases of measles, as compared with a total of 82 for 1971 which were principally measles. There were no cases notified of food poisoning. There was one fatal case due to tuberculosis in an elderly male.

Attendances by children at the County Clinics for immunisation were maintained and a total of 734 courses of injections against infectious diseases were administered. The number of vaccinations against smallpox are seen to be reduced this year, as this work is now carried out by general practitioners.

The water supply from the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company remains satisfactory, and there has been an increase in consumption during the period under review of some four million gallons. Complaints concerning discolouration from time to time have been dealt with by the Company by flushing through the main

distribution pipes. A detailed account including analyses both chemical and bacteriological are given elsewhere in the Report.

This is likely to be the last Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health due to the abolition of the appointment in April, 1974 with the re-organisation of the National Health Service. I would like to take this opportunity to accord my special thanks to members of the Council, the Public Health Committee and officers of the Council for their courtesy and support during my years of office with the Frinton and Walton Urban District Council. Mention should also be made of my secretary, Miss Henagulph, who will finally retire in March 1974, for her devoted service over 25 years, particularly with regard to the preparation of the Annual Reports.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

R. A. STENHOUSE,

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICAL MEMORANDUM

Urban District of	...	Frinton and Walton
Area in Acres	...	6,293
Population:		
1961 Census	...	9,571
1972 Registrar General's Estimate		12,710
Density of estimated population per acre		2.02
Rateable value	...	£1,990,097
Sum represented by a penny rate		£19,300
Number of inhabited dwellings (estimate)		6,400
Total live births	...	93
Birth rate, crude (per 1,000 home population)		7.3
Birth rate, corrected	...	12.6
Birth rate (England and Wales)	...	14.8
Number of illegitimate births		7
Total still births	...	1
Still birth rate	...	11.0
Still birth rate (England and Wales)		12.0
Total Deaths	...	297
Death rate, crude (per 1,000 home population)		23.4
Death rate, corrected	...	10.8
Death rate (England and Wales)		12.1
Death of infants under 1 year of age		2
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)		22.0
Infant mortality rate (England and Wales)		17.0
Infant mortality rate - legitimate		23.0
Infant mortality rate - illegitimate		-
Neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births)		22.0
Early neo-natal mortality rate (deaths under 1 week of age per 1,000 live births)		22.0
Peri-natal mortality rate (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week of age per 1,000 total births)		32.0
Deaths from diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)		-
Maternal deaths (including abortion)		-
Cancer	...	64
Deaths due to cancer of lung	...	17
Tuberculosis	...	1

LIVE BIRTHS DURING 1972

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	46	40	86
Illegitimate	6	1	7
	—	—	—
	52	41	93
	—	—	—

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING 1972

Under 4 weeks	2
4 weeks and under 1 year	-
1 and under 5 years	-
5 - 15 years	-
15 - 25 years	2
25 - 35 years	-
35 - 45 years	3
45 - 55 years	8
55 - 65 years	27
65 - 75 years	102
75 and over	153
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	297

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1972 (R.G.)

	Male	Female	Total
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	-	1
Cancer (all sites)	35	29	64
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1	2
Anaemias	1	2	3
Other Diseases of Blood, etc.	-	1	1
Mental Disorders	1	-	1
Other Diseases of Nervous System	-	2	2
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	3	2	5
Hypertensive Disease	1	1	2
Ischaemic Heart Disease	45	34	79
Other forms of Heart Disease	13	11	24
Cerebrovascular Disease	17	23	40
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	9	9	18
Influenza	-	1	1
Pneumonia	8	7	15
Bronchitis and Emphysema	10	2	12
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	2	-	2
Peptic Ulcer	2	-	2
Appendicitis	1	-	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	2	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	1	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	2	2	4
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	3	5
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	1	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc	2	-	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	-	1
All other Accidents	-	4	4
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	1	-	1
	—	—	—
	159	138	297

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Infective Hepatitis	1	-	-
Measles	3	-	-
	4	-	-

IMMUNISATIONS IN 1972

	Year of Birth	Primary Course	Re-inforcing Injections
TRIPLE (DPT)	1969-1972	95	12
	1965-1968	1	27
	Others under 16 years	-	3
DIP/TET	1969-1972	1	5
	1965-1968	1	75
	Others under 16 years	1	23
DIPHTHERIA	1969-1972	-	-
	1965-1968	-	-
	Others under 16 years	-	2
TETANUS	1965-1968	-	2 (+1 Hosp.)
	Others under 16 years	8	43 (+8 Hosp.)
POLIOMYELITIS	1969-1972	97	16
	1965-1968	2	100
	Others under 16 years	3	74
MEASLES	1969-1972	86	-
	1965-1968	14	-
RUBELLA	Others under 16 years	34	-

SMALLPOX VACCINATION	Primary	Re-vaccination
Age 0 - 5 years	5	-
5 - 15 years	2	2

TUBERCULOSIS

No cases of Tuberculosis were notified, but one death occurred during the year 1972.

Notifications and Deaths from Tuberculosis since 1969:-

Year	New Cases	Deaths
1969	1	1
1970	1	-
1971	3	-
1972	-	1

The following figures give the number of cases on the Register at the end of 1972:-

Respiratory Male	22	Non-Respiratory Male	1
Respiratory Female	10	Non-Respiratory Female	1
	—		—
	32		2
	—		—

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

Under the provisions of the above Acts, the Council through its Medical Officer. is empowered to seek the removal of necessitous cases to hospital or institution.

No formal action under the Acts was necessary during the year.

Referrals by Public Health Inspectors:-

To Health Visitors	2
To Domestic Help Organizer	3
To Social Services Officer	7

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

ON THE SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

LABORATORY INVESTIGATIONS OF WATER, FOOD, ETC.

(a)	<u>WATER</u>	Bacteriological Examination	
		Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory

Tendring Hundred Waterworks		
Company's Supply	6	-
Kirby-le-Soken Supply	4	-
Private Wells	3	-

(b) ICE-CREAM

Ministry of Health - Provisional Grading
Grade I Grade II Grade III

Samples	5	1	-
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(c) FOOD

(i) Bacteriological Examination

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Cream	2	-
Pasties	2	-
Milk	6	-
Prawns	1	-
Cockles	2	-
Whelks	1	-
Mussels	1	-

(ii) Examination by Public Analyst

Nail in Cake/Cement deposits in Milk Bottle. Evidence of responsibility inconclusive in both cases. Warning letters sent to Suppliers and Retailers.

WATER SUPPLY

Practically the whole of the water supplied to the Urban District was obtained from the Dedham Pumping Station of

the Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company, with some assistance from the Company's subsidiary sources at Lawford, Stratford St. Mary and Higham.

The quantity of water supplied to the Frinton and Walton district in the 12 months ended 31st December, 1972, amounted to 233.290 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.637 million gallons, with a peak of 0.968 million gallons per day.

The total quantity taken for domestic purposes during the year was 198.238 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.542 million gallons. The total amount taken through trade meters was 35.052 million gallons, an average daily consumption of 0.095 million gallons.

The total number of connections (domestic and trade) made in the year to the Company's mains in the Urban District, amounted to 231.

Approximately 3802.23 metres of new mains of 4", 6" and 9" diameter have been laid within the Frinton and Walton District during the year.

In Kirby Road, Walton, 930 metres of 7" diameter mains have been relaid; in Elm Tree Avenue, Frinton, 686 metres of 4" diameter main and 640 metres of 6" diameter main have been relaid.

Tendring Hundred Waterworks Company
Dedham Works - Water Analyses
Chemical Results in Parts per Million

	1972	
	Maximum	Minimum
Colour	-	-
pH	7.8	7.5
Electric Conductivity	900	850
Chlorine present as Chloride	136	116
Hardness Total	300	290
Carbonate	275	235
Non-Carbonate	55	15
Nitrate Nitrogen	0.0	0.0
Ammonical Nitrogen	0.40	0.13
Albuminoid Nitrogen	0.0	0.0
Metals (Iron)	0.28	0.17
Turbidity	1.0	Nil
Odour	Nil	Nil
Free Carbon Dioxide	18.0	9.0

	Maximum	Minimum
Total Solids	600.0	545.0
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	275.0	235.0
Nitrate Nitrogen	less than 0.01	absent
Oxygen absorbed	0.40	0.0
Residual chlorine	0.20	0.06

BACTERIOLOGICAL RESULTS

	<u>1 day at 37° C</u>	<u>2 days at 37° C</u>	<u>3 days at 20° C</u>
	<u>Present in</u>	<u>Absent from</u>	<u>Probable Number</u>
Number of Colonies developing on Agar			
Minimum	0 per ml.	0 per ml.	0 per ml.
Maximum	0 per ml.	0 per ml.	4 per ml.
Presumptive Coliaerogenes Reaction	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per ml.
Bact. coli (Type 1)	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per ml.
Cl. welchii Reaction	- ml.	100 ml.	0 per ml.

REMARKS

These samples are practically clear and bright in appearance, have a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and are free from metals apart from a minute trace of iron. The water is hard in character but its hardness and its content of mineral and saline constituents in solution are not excessive. It conforms to the highest standard of organic quality and bacterial purity.

These results are indicative of a water which is pure and wholesome in character and suitable for public supply purposes.

All samples were analysed by the Counties Public Health Laboratories.

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The Kirby-le-Soken private water supply, the source of which is an underground stream, was found to be in satisfactory bacteriological condition, as also were the few private well supplies.

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The approximate number of dwelling-houses supplied by public main is:-

	Houses	Population (est.)
(a) Direct to houses	6,400	12,660
(b) Standpipes	15	20

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

The following is a synopsis of the principal work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1972:-

Inspections (Public Health and Housing Acts)	1,171
Other Inspections	873
Informal Notices served, written and verbal	152
Informal Notices complied with	113
Formal Notices served	2
Formal Notices complied with	2

The following are the Principal Improvements obtained:-

HOUSING

Roofs repaired	7
Gutters and spouting, repaired or renewed	6
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	4
Windows repaired or renewed	6
Wall damp courses provided	3
Rooms cleansed and decorated	3
Plumbing repairs	9
Kitchen sinks renewed	4

DRAINAGE

Drainage systems repaired or improved	12
Drainage systems unblocked and cleansed	56
* Cesspits emptied and cleansed	162
* The Council provides a service for the regular, and casual, emptying of domestic drainage cesspits. Expenses are shared between the Council and householders.	
Cesspits abandoned	7
Sewer connections	7

REFUSE RECEPTACLES

Defective refuse receptacles renewed	16
Paper sack holders provided, new dwellings	133

NUISANCES

Insect nuisances abated	51
Insects, advice to householders	19
Rubbish accumulations removed	92
Smoke nuisances abated	3
Overgrown land cleared	8
Stable cleansed	1
Ditches cleansed	2

FOOD PREMISES

Wall, ceiling and floor improvements	14
Rooms redecorated	9
Ventilation improved	7
Walls tiled	9
Sink replacements	1
First-aid Kits renewed	7
Miscellaneous improvements	26

OFFICES AND SHOPS

Provision of	
Improved ventilation	7
Improved lighting	12
Heating appliances	7
Improved sanitary conveniences	18
Passageways and stairs, floor repairs	4
Wash basins, supplies of hot and cold water	5
Clothing accommodation	3
First aid equipment, water supply, plumbing improvements, counter and shelf repairs, displays of Abstract of Act and miscellaneous	47
Machinery guards	4

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Visits by Public Health Inspectors, est.	91
Visits by Rodent Operator, est.	980
Properties inspected	409

Properties treated for rats/mice	261
Overgrown Plots treated, rats	7
Sewer maintenance treatments, rats	2
Other Council Undertakings treated, rats	11
Rabbits, surveys and advice	17

CLOSETS

W. C. accommodation repaired and improved	11
New sanitary fittings provided	7
Structure defective	4

RIVERS AND STREAMS POLLUTION

Long standing nuisance conditions at the Refuse Disposal Site, Kirby-le-Soken, were abated during the year following completion of infilling of an abandoned section of the Kirby Stream. See Report for 1971.

HOUSEBOATS

The last houseboat moored on property of the Walton and Frinton Yacht Trust Limited in Mill Lane, Walton-on-the-Naze, was removed following legal proceedings taken by the Trust. Only one houseboat, situated at a Marina in Coles Lane adjacent to the Twizzle, remains registered with the Council to moor in the Urban District.

MOSQUITO DESTRUCTION

No action was found necessary during 1972 in the treatment of mosquito breeding areas.

PORt SANITATION

No action was necessary under the Port Sanitary Regulations.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Premises registered	2
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SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964

Premises registered

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CARAVAN SITES

There are no changes to report in respect of licensed Caravan Sites which accommodate a total of 1,554 caravans. Modern sanitation and facilities are available at the 7 sites, all of which are licensed for summer holiday use only. Improvements and repairs are carried out as required by Operators.

No residential caravan sites are provided in the area and there are no facilities available for tent camping.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Registrations:-

Offices	31) employing 436
Retail Shops	110) female and 269
Wholesale Shops	2) male persons.
Catering Establishments	21)
General Inspections	131
Exemptions	Nil
Accidents	Nil
Improvements	Listed on Page 12.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The sewage disposal works at Walton-on-the-Naze and the various pumping stations have continued to operate satisfactorily but the disposal of un-digested sludge has created a problem. At present, dry sludge is removed by direct labour and tipped on the Refuse Disposal Site. Contractors remove liquid sludge for disposal, but the operation is costly and the Council has instructed Consulting Engineers to prepare a report on the provision of sludge digestion plant at the sewage disposal works.

BATHING POOLS

No difficulties arose during 1972 in the operation of two privately owned out-door bathing pools. An 80,000 gallon capacity pool at the Martello Caravan Site in Walton-on-the-

Naze is serviced with mains water which is continuously circulated. At Frinton-on-Sea Lawn Tennis Club, a 30,000 gallon capacity pool of mains water is provided, the water being circulated at five hourly intervals. In both cases, purification is by filtration and chlorination. The bacteriological condition of the water in both pools was found to be satisfactory when examined at intervals.

A further private bathing pool is under construction by the Parent Teachers Association at Hamford County Primary School, Elm Tree Avenue, Walton-on-the-Naze. The Pool, approximately 40' x 20' x 3', will be supplied with mains water. Provision is being made for heating the water. Filtration equipment and chemical treatment of the water are included in the proposals. The water will be circulated at four hourly intervals.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The number of public conveniences in the area remains at 17. Provision is made for both sexes in each convenience and free hand-washing facilities are available as well as wash and brush-up arrangements in the principal toilets.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957

Licensed Waste Food Boiling Plant Operator	1
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CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

Apart from a few complaints of smoke and smell nuisances from the burning of garden bonfires, which were satisfactorily dealt with, no problem arose in the matter of air pollution. The chimney flue of the one factory in the area, in Walton-on-the-Naze, has been effectively guarded against grit and durst emissions.

HOUSING

Inspection

Number of houses inspected for housing defects under Housing or Public Health Acts	71
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Housing Acts

Unfit houses demolished	5
Unfit houses closed	2
Unfit houses closed pending restoration	2
Houses rehabilitated	7
Houses inspected for permitted numbers	5

One unfit dwelling in the redevelopment area of North Street, Walton-on-the-Naze, remained occupied at the end of 1972.

Repairs

Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied as a result of informal action under Housing or Public Health Acts. 43

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A survey of the existing housing stock in the area was carried out during the year. Of a housing stock of approximately 6,400 dwellings, it was ascertained that an estimated 517 fit dwellings are capable of improvement up to the 12 point standard. Efforts continue by the Officers' to induce property owners to make use of the improvement grants available to bring their dwellings up to the standard.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Financial grants made available to owners for carrying out approved improvement/conversion work to older type houses, included:-

Discretionary Grants	20
Standard Grants	4
Conversion Grant	1

NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING 1972

	Commenced	Completed
By the Council	-	Nil
By Private Enterprise	-	204

COUNCIL DWELLINGS

No new dwellings were erected by the Council during 1972, but work was commenced on the complete modernization of 52 houses located in the four Wards of the District. Improvement grants were made by the Department of the Environment in respect of the improvements.

The design of a further Grouped Homes Scheme in North Street, Walton-on-the-Naze was continued and was nearing completion at the end of the year.

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The total number of Council dwelling units at present is 395, comprising -

Three-bedroom Houses	233
Two-bedroom House	1
Three-bedroom Maisonettes	17
Two-bedroom Maisonettes	21
Two bedroom Bungalows	14
One-bedroom Bungalows	8
Two-bedroom Flats	27
One-bedroom Flats	45
Bed-Sitting room Flats	29

In addition, 2 x three-bedroom houses and 1 x two-bedroom bungalow have been acquired by the Council.

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Council dwelling units erected since 1946 317

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It was possible by tenancy transfers to relieve the under-occupation of three-bedroom houses in only three cases during 1972. At the end of the year the total number of under-occupied dwellings had increased to 59. As stated in previous Reports, there is a general reluctance on the part of most elderly tenants to remove from houses they have long lived in and it is clear that firmer action than persuasion is necessary to secure tenancy transfers.

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The Council continued to manage on behalf of the Greater London Council, 74 two-bedroom bungalows in the

occupation of elderly persons. No management problems arose during the year.

HOUSING WAITING LISTS

During 1972, 17 families on the Tenancy Waiting Lists were re-housed in three-bedroom dwellings and one and two bedroom Flats and Bungalows. In addition, six tenancy exchanges and eight tenancy transfers were arranged.

At the end of the year, the Waiting Lists contained the names of 178 applicants for Council Small Dwellings and 71 applicants for Council Houses.

FOOD

FOOD PREMISES

The following Table sets out the number of inspections made of food premises, all of which are equipped in compliance with the provisions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations.

Fremises	Number	Inspections
Grocers and Provision Merchants	33	54
Restaurants and Cafes	35	83
Hotels and Guest Houses	29	14
Seasonal Refreshment Kiosks	12	27
Nursing, Elderly Persons and Children's Homes	14	7
School Canteens	5	10
Workshop Canteens	1	1
Clubs, etc.	9	5
Butchers	10	61
Bakeries and Cake Shops	13	73
Wet Fish Shops	6	9
Fried Fish Shops	4	32
Milk Shops	16	12
Food Hawkers	6	9
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	12	18
Confectioners	18	26
Licensed Premises	18	6
Misc. Food Stalls, Retail Market	8	25
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	249	472
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REGISTRATION OF FOOD PREPARATION PREMISES

Food preparation premises registered with the Council:

Shell-fish, preparation	4
Fried Fish Shops	4
Sausage and Preserved Meats, preparation	29
Frozen Food Manufacture	1

INSPECTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are no slaughterhouses in the Urban District, the bulk of butchers meat sold locally being obtained from wholesale suppliers. All home-killed meat is examined at the place of slaughter. Meat, meat products and other foods stored and exposed for sale locally are subject to routine inspections by the Council's Public Health Inspectors, and complaints are dealt with as they arise.

The following foodstuffs found to be unfit for human consumption, were voluntarily surrendered and destroyed by burning at the Council's Refuse Disposal Site.

Meat and meat products	28 lbs. Ox Kidneys.
	149 pkts. Meat Products.
	.15 lbs. Bacon.
Fish	54 pkts.
Fruit	69 pkts.
Fish Products	43 pkts.
Vegetables	244 pkts.
Pastry	37 pkts.
Mousse	22 pkts.
Trifles	7 pkts.
Fruit Juices	5 pkts.
Miscellaneous foods	100 lettuces.
	3 dozen Eggs.

MILK SUPPLY

At the end of 1972, there were 21 registered distributors of milk which is supplied to the area by Dairy Companies having premises outside of the Urban District.

ICE CREAM

Manufacturers of Ice-cream	nil
Vendors of Ice-cream	89

BAKEHOUSES

The position in respect of the 5 bakeries remains as reported in 1971. Numerous inspections of premises were made and miscellaneous minor improvements secured as a result of informal action.

Efforts were continued to assist the proprietors of an existing small, congested and not very satisfactory bakery premises in Walton-on-the-Naze, in finding an alternative site suitable for the provision of larger and modern accommodation.

RETAIL MARKET

The operation of a Retail Market was commenced in Walton-on-the-Naze during 1972. Numerous food stalls are involved and regular inspections were made to ensure compliance with the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

REFUSE COLLECTION

A regular weekly domestic refuse collection service was maintained throughout the year. The work is undertaken by direct labour and three modern rear-loading collection vehicles are employed, supplemented by an additional vehicle during the holiday season when special refuse collections are arranged at hotels, restaurants and caravan sites. Trade refuse is collected and removed by arrangement. The refuse output continued to increase and an estimated 41,000 cubic yards of material were removed during 1972.

Delivery of a new and larger collection vehicle, expected in September, was delayed and is unlikely to be delivered until the New Year.

A simplified bonus scheme for the refuse collectors was introduced in January and reviewed in July. The review resulted in an increase in bonus payments to all Operatives involved in the collection and disposal of refuse, the additional bonus being intended to cover the increased work load due to new housing development until October, 1973.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The disposal of refuse is carried out by semi-

controlled tipping on low-lying marshland at Kirby-le-Soken. The site is available at all times to local householders for the free disposal of reject furniture, household equipment and large articles which cannot be collected by the refuse collectors. Builders, contractors, land developers and others make frequent and considerable use of the site for the disposal of rejects. Covering material is in very short supply and it is necessary to use for the purpose burnt out refuse excavated from the site.

STREET SCAVENGING

The main work of street sweeping is carried out by a Lacre Mechanical Sweeping Vehicle, supplemented by hand trucks in the town centres. A good standard of carriageway cleansing is achieved. Street gully cleansing is undertaken by mechanical means.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT, 1967

As a result of formal and informal action, a total of 57 derelict or unwanted cars were removed for destruction during the year. Removal is undertaken by Contractors in arrangement with the Council.

WEATHER

Sunshine	1539.5 hours.
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Rainfall	13.6 inches.
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FACTORIESFACTORIES ACT, 1961PART I OF THE ACT

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	22	3	-	-
ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	68	45	-	-
iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	4	2	-	-
Totals:	94	50	-	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Reme- died (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspec- tor (4)	By H.M. Inspec- tor (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	7	7	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or					
Defective					
(c) Not separate for sexes	4	4	-	1	-
Other offend- ces against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Totals:	11	11	-	1	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

SECTIONS 133 and 134

Section 133				Section 134
Nature of work (1)	Number of Cutworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c) (2)	Number of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	Number of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	Number of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5)
Wearing Apparel Making etc.	2	-	-	-

The premises were inspected and found to be in a satisfactory condition.

